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7 ACCS KORAT

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REF: VIENTIANE 5587

I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR'S I AND III: NO MILITARY ACTIVITY REPORTED
DURING PERIOD AUGUST 10-13.

B. MR-II: TWO ENEMY COMPANIES, SUPPORTED BY
MORTAR FIRE, INITIATED MAJOR GROUND ATTACK, AUGUST 9,
AGAINST HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE 40 KMS EAST-SOUTHEAST
OF MUONG MOC (VF 1082). NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.
ANOTHER MAJOR GROUND ATTACK SUPPORTED BY 100 ROUNDS
MORTAR FIRE TOOK PLACE AUGUST 12 WHEN UNKNOWN-SIZED
ENEMY FORCE ATTACKED FRIENDLY POSITIONS 28 KMS EAST-
SOUTHEAST OF MUONG MOC. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES REPORTED.
ENEMY LOST SIX KIA. RLAF FLEW FIVE T-28 SORTIES AGAINST
ENEMY POSITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH AUGUST 9 ENGAGEMENT.

C. MR-IV: FRIENDLY-INITATED MINOR GROUND
ATTACK OCCURRED AUGUST 9, 20 KMS EAST-NORTHEAST OF
KHONG SEDONE, WHEN TWO UNITS OF FRIENDLY BATTALION
AMBUSHED TWO GROUPS ENEMY SOLDIERS. NO CASUALTIES
REPORTED.

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D. MR-V: ON AUGUST 10 A MINOR INCIDENT OCCURRED,
53 KMS NORTHWEST OF VIENTIANE, WHEN ENEMY SQUAD
AMBUSHED FRIENDLY PATROL. FRIENDS HAD ONE WIA; ENEMY
LOST ONE KIA AND ESTIMATED THREE WIA.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION

A. MEETINGS BETWEEN THE RLG AND LPF CONTINUE AS THE TWO SIDES ENDEAVOR TO RESOLVE FEW REMAINING DIFFERENCES. AT THE SAME TIME, SOME RIGHTIST ELEMENTS, INCLUDING FAR, HAVE SOUGHT TO DELAY AN AGREEMENT AND ARE PRESSING FOR ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS FROM LPF.

B. SENIOR RLG NEGOTIATOR PHENG PHONGSAVAN IS QUOTED IN SIENG SERI TODAY AS SAYING ON AUGUST 9 THAT A PERMANENT PEACE IN LAOS IS ONLY POSSIBLE WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE ARMY. OVER THE WEEKEND, THE COMMUNIST MEDIA MADE REPEATED REFERENCES TO THE FACT THAT THE SANANIKONE "CLIQUE AND RIGHTIST REACTIONARIES" ARE "OBSTRUCTING AND SABOTAGING" ALL EFFORTS TO GET PROTOCOLS SIGNED.

C. COMMENT: AGAINST A BACKDROP OF RIGHTIST RESERVATIONS AND RELUCTANCE, A DECISION TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT NOW CLEARLY RESTS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. DEAN

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